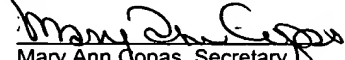




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In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

1) JP 08-003592

An English translation of Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. 08-003592 is provided. This reference was previously submitted in an earlier Information Disclosure Statement with an English abstract.

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A copy of the document is included along with the form PTO-1449.

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Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

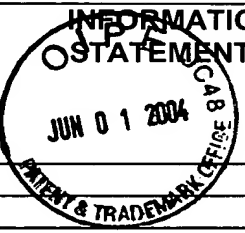


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